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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 392
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A RESOLUTION to designate March 18, 1998, as "Peyton Manning Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those persons who through their outstanding academic and athletic achievements, and stellar record of community service have served as role models for others to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Manning is one such person who through his exceptional ability, admirable community service, academic excellence and tremendous athletic ability and character has established himself as one of the University of Tennessee's most heralded players, forever endearing himself to a legion of Big Orange supporters; and

WHEREAS, Peyton captured numerous awards, including the prestigious 1997 Davey O'Brien Award, the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, the *Football News*' Offensive Player of the Year Award, and the coveted Maxwell Award, given to the most outstanding college player in America; and

WHEREAS, earlier last year Peyton turned down what would have been a lucrative contract as the National Football League's top pick in the 1997 draft to return to college football, a sport he so dearly loves; and

WHEREAS, Peyton's individual success on the gridiron aside included a phenomenal 11,363 yards passing and 89 touchdowns; these statistics are complemented by his work in the

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classroom, as he graduated with honors in three years in Speech Communication, distinguishing him as the epitome of the student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, he was an unflagging supporter of Knoxville area schools, and the Boys and Girls Club of Knoxville, each of which benefited significantly from his tireless efforts on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, his success would not have been possible without the faithful support of his family and friends; his parents, Archie and Olivia Manning; and his brothers, Cooper and Eli; and his grandparents, Sis Manning and Cooper and Frances Williams; and

WHEREAS, examples of the dedication demonstrated by Peyton are not hard to find, and his contributions exemplify success in our young people today, and it is only fitting that he should be honored for his many contributions to the University of Tennessee, the Knoxville community and the state; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this assembly should recognize and honor those outstanding citizens and the contributions they make to our great state through their prodigious achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby designate Wednesday, March 18, 1998, as "Peyton Manning Day" in Tennessee, urging all Tennesseans to use this occasion to reflect fondly and appreciatively on what Peyton has accomplished.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Peyton, his parents, brothers, and grandparents, with this final clause omitted from such copies.